

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Log house, Drag Raceway, Inc.				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1/4 mile south of U.S. 40, 1/2 miles east of Maryland Route 66				
CITY OR TOWN: Route 1, Hagerstown, Beaver Creek area				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments				
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <u>Drag strip</u>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Drag Raceway, Inc. -- Bob Grimm				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2				
CITY OR TOWN: Smithsburg		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 389/269				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) (stone structure)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This complex of buildings is located about 1/4 mile south of U.S. Route 40 and about 1/2 mile east of the junction of Route 40 and Md. 66 in Washington County, Md. The main house is situated on level ground and faces south. The secondary structure is located over a spring which emits an average of 150 gallons of water per minute.

The main building is a two-story, four-bay dwelling covered with artificial brick siding. The siding apparently conceals log construction. A one-and-a-half story, two-bay frame addition is attached to the west gable end of the house.

The foundations have been faced with concrete and are low to the ground. The original wall construction cannot be seen from the exterior of the house.

The windows are placed with little effort at symmetry. They contain two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes. They show wide framing with pegged joining and quirked quarter round trim.

What appears to have originally been the main entrance is located in the east end bay of the south elevation of the house. The entrance way shows little decorative work and has no transom. Another doorway is located in the west bay of the north wall of the house. It appears to be the present main entrance. It, too, is treated very simply.

A one-story, shed roof porch extends along the south wall of the house. At the north elevation, a double porch has been added.

The roof is covered with sheet metal. The eaves are finished with boxing under which is a band of plain molding. At the gable ends, the barge terminates with a decorative curve.

A small brick interior chimney rises from the central area of the house. The structure is in good condition.

A short distance northwest of the log house is a small two-story stone cabin. It is situated over a spring and appears to have been a dwelling. Constructed of coursed local fieldstone, the front wall of the house is shielded by a double porch which is included under the main roof span.

The windows are constructed with wide wooden frames secured with wooden pegs and finished with a bead. The doorways are simple and framed similarly to the windows. The doors are of vertical boards. Of particular interest is a wrought iron latch with a decorated upper cusp in an evergreen motif.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and an inside end chimney is present at the southwest wall. This stone structure is in fair to deteriorated condition.

The property contains 154.68 acres. A few hundred feet north of the buildings is the Mason-Dixon Dragstrip. Another complex of buildings on this property are considered in form WA-II-075.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☒ 18th Century (late)      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☐ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of these buildings is their architecture. Both represent early Washington County vernacular house types. An 1859 map of the area shows a grist mill on the property; however, no physical evidence of it is evident.

Both the log and stone structures which appear to date from the late 18th or early 19th century are examples of major early architectural groups in Washington County and the Cumberland Valley. They are examples of vernacular buildings, structures constructed without apparent concern for a particular design or style.

The log dwelling and the large stone house located nearby (WA-II-075) face south, suggesting that the highway once passed in front of them rather than to the north as it now does.

During the early 19th century, the property was owned by the Bear (Barr) and Martin families who were prominent early farmers in the County.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Slaughter, Turbit H. and John M. Darling, The Water Resources of Allegany and Washington Counties, Md., Baltimore: Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, 1962.

Williams, Thomas J. C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906, (Information on Martin and Bear families)  
1794 and 1859 maps of Washington County

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 154.68 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE June, 1974
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Deed Records -- WA-II-074

Liber 389, Folio 269, January 18, 1963

Grantors: Charles H. Cosens and Jane C. Cosens

Grantees: Drag Racing, Inc.

160.0 acres.

Liber 352, Folio 103, October 21, 1959

Grantor: Warren Stultz, Trustee

Grantee: Charles H. Cosens and Jane C. Cosens

Liber 308, Folio 375, April 2, 1956

Grantors: William P. Kreykenbohm, Trustee

Grantees: Charles H. Cosens

Liber 276, Folio 188, June 23, 1953

Grantor: W. Edward Heimel, Trustee

Grantee: Charles H. Cosens and Jane C. Cosens

186 acres

Liber 276, Folio 186, June 23, 1953

Grantor: Charles H. Cosens and Jane C. Cosens

Grantee: W. Edward Heimel, Trustee

186 acres.

Will Liber 22, Folio 142, Will of Charence A. Cosens, Sr.

Liber 225, Folio 508, March 3, 1944

Grantors: Clara E. Weagley and Charles A. Weagley

Grantees: Emma K. Cosens and Clarence A. Cosens

The deed is for parts of tracts called "Trap," "The Resurvey on Discontent" and "The Resurvey on Trap."

Liber 193, Folio 87 March 31, 1933

Grantor: The Hagerstown Bank and Trust Co.

Grantee: Clarence A. Cosens

90.51 acres, part of the "Resurvey on Discontent:

Liber 192, Folio 584, January 28, 1933

Grantor: Minnie K. Wagner

Grantee: Hagerstown Bank and Trust Co.

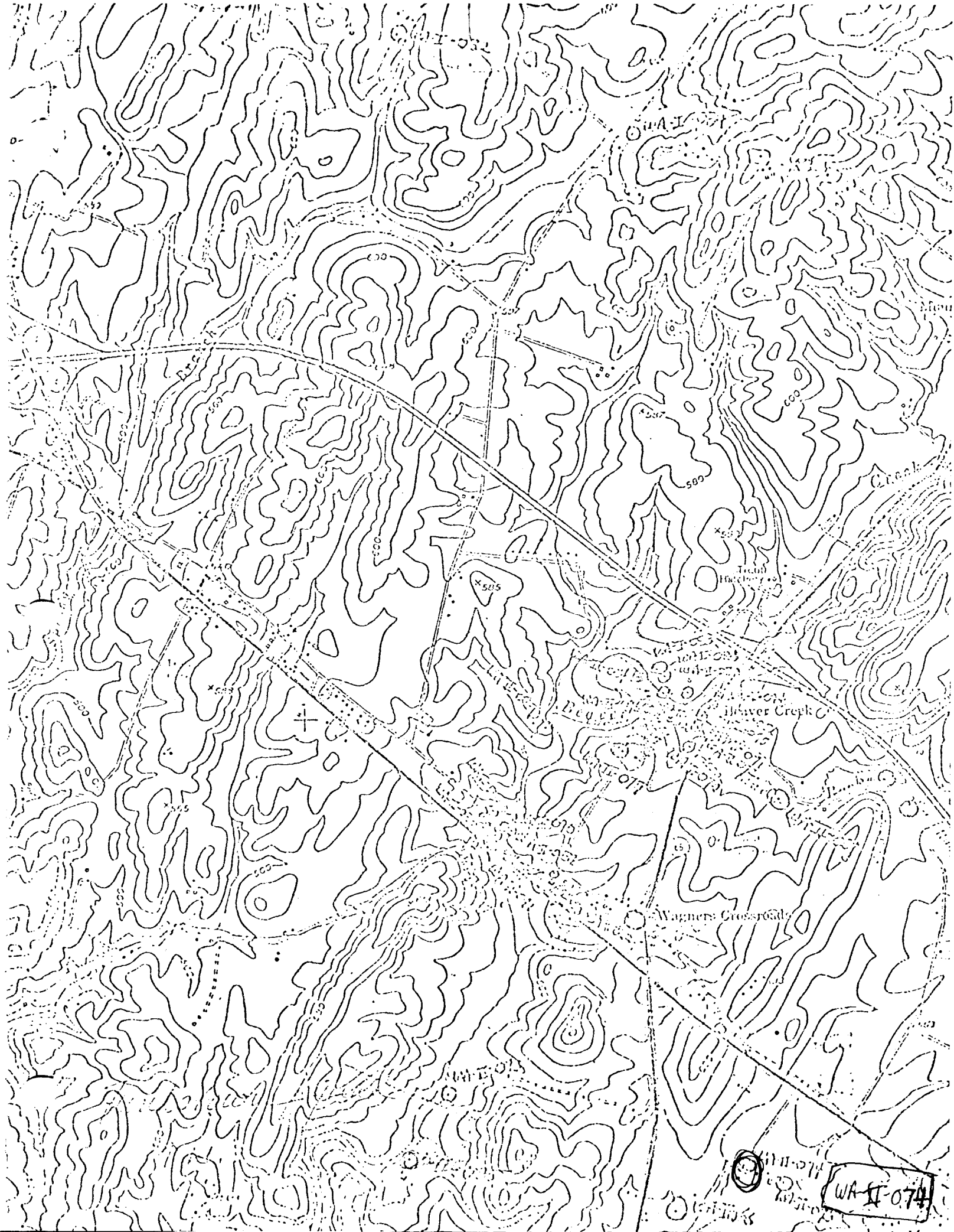
90.51 acres

Liber 158, Folio 188, June 14, 1920

Grantors: Harvey R. Spessard and A. S. Mason, Trustees

Grantees: Charles B. Wagner

90.50 acres. The property was devised to Minnie K. Wagner by Charles B. Wagner in his will dated September 23, 1893 (Liber 17, Folio 66). It is the same land which Jacob Martin died seized.



WA-II-074



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